

Notes on 2nd Scientific Group meeting, September 25th, 2020

The Chair gave an update on Scientific Group activities since last meeting.

The **five Action Track related teams of the Scientific Group** presented their initial drafts and concepts of the Scientific Group's 5 Action Track papers (Co-Coordinator of teams). The engagement of the Teams with the "Friends of the FSS" workshops were discussed and agreed. (see the teams in the PPT on the meeting).

The concept and time lines for the **Modelling Food Systems**-activity were introduced by Maximo Torero, followed by comments of Scientific Group members Tom Hertel, Frank Ewert, Mario Herrero Acosta. A subgroup on modelling actions and their synergies and tradeoffs was formed by these Sc Group members. An update shall be given in the next meeting)

Themes of cross-cutting natures (cutting across Action Tracks) of high relevance for the food systems were reviewed and identified for potential Scientific Group engagement with future papers. Examples included Opportunities of science and innovation; Trade and pricing; Gender; Youth; Indigenous food systems and related knowledge, etc. These themes will be addressed in partnership with research and knowledge organizations.

Principles of cooperation with partners were identified, and criteria for cooperation with research partners of the Scientific Group defined:

- 1) protecting independence of the Scientific Group, and we want to be inclusive with research partnerships (e.g. Asia, Africa, LAC... not only Europe and North American)
- 2) Scientific Group (coordinated by Chair & Vice Chairs) define desirable themes for background research and papers, considering transparency, excellence and diversity when agreeing on background research with partners,
- 3) papers by the Scientific Group have Group members as authors, and / or may have co-authors from partnering research organizations.
- 4) papers for the Group (commissioned papers) in support of the Scientific Group's agenda are decided by Scientific Group (through Chair & Vice Chairs), and are peer reviewed through Scientific Group mechanism.